

## MACKENSEN AGAIN PUT ON DEFENSIVE

Russians and Rumanians Ham-  
mer at Both His Flanks  
in Dobrudja.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Von Mackensen's German army is again on the defensive in the fluctuating Dobrudja battle. The Russo-Rumanian armies are attacking both his flanks, and the German official statement today as received here is regarded as an admission that the Teutonic victory they have been driven back to is now being lost.

A Bulgarian statement of yesterday received here, however, asserts that the Russo-Rumanian attack on the line of the Danube, Englez (Englez) and Karakol resulted in defeat, a Russo-Rumanian army of about 50,000 being routed and forced by Bulgarian cavalry until dark. Last Wednesday the Rumanians said the fight was going in their favor. The Rumanian attacks upon Von Mackensen were made near the Dobrudja of Hasova, and at a point about thirty miles southwest of Constantza, the eastern extremity of the forty-five mile battle line. This point is near the Tigris, the same place where the German reported yesterday they had defeated the Russo-Rumanians. The German statement says that "We have taken the line of the Transylvanian Alps (south of Petroseny), which is safe from any attack by the Rumanians." Holding Vulkan Pass securely, the Teutons are in a position, if not threatened too strongly by Rumanian armies east and southwest, which have made progress in Transylvania, to try an invasion of Rumania from the northwest. The statement continues:

"On both sides of Hermannstadt about two Rumanian divisions attacked and were repulsed with serious and sanguinary losses by our advanced detachments. In the course of counter attacks we made three officers and 220 prisoners of war. Near St. Janoshy our advanced posts were withdrawn during the night. Today's Austrian statement says: 'Rumanian Front—Vulkan Pass has been evacuated by the enemy. Near Hermannstadt an attack by two Rumanian divisions was repulsed. Three officers and 220 men were made prisoners. Front of Archduke Charles—In the night the three States (Bukovina, Hungary and Rumania) south of Jassy. We drove back Rumanian detachments by counter attacks. As regards the remainder of the front only near Lucina Farm in the Ludowa region is heavy fighting proceeding.'

**ALLIES' DRIVE CHECKED.**  
Belgians Now on the Offensive in Macedonia.

BRUSSELS, by wireless to Rayville, Sept. 23.—The Belgian army is now on the offensive in Macedonia and have gained victories over the allied left wing and center. They have captured two villages, a camp and trench positions. The allied right center has been driven back from its point of furthest advance on the Belachina plateau, just south of the Bulgarian border, where Italian troops were defeated recently. Here the villages of Calmish and Svelupka, north of Lake Doiran, were taken, a Bulgarian official statement announces. Between these villages and the heights of Deviatig the allied troops abandoned a camp with quantities of war material. The Allies are now back at the edge of the Krusha Balkan range.

Telling of the fighting on the allied left wing in western Macedonia the Bulgarian statement says:

On the heights of the Staranevka Planina, between Prepa Lake and Florina, north of Bigla Heights, enemy infantry was dispersed by our artillery fire. We captured some trenches.

In the Kresna region a hostile battalion was dispersed by our fire. East of the Vardar, after artillery preparation, an attack was made by enemy infantry, which we repulsed.

### BRITISH MAKE RAIDS.

Troops Dash into Bulgar Trenches on Doiran Front.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—French and British official statements today are silent about the successes in Macedonia reported by the Bulgars. The French statement says that bad weather is interfering with operations all along the front. No infantry activity is reported. The British statement says:

On the Struma front our patrols successfully raided enemy trenches in the neighborhood of Komarnia causing casualties. Our naval aircraft bombarded an enemy transport near Drama, apparently with good results.

On the Doiran front we raided enemy trenches at three points.

**OMIONE PEAK BLOWN UP.**  
Austrians Explode Mine and Capture 361 Italian Survivors.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The whole summit of Monte Cimone, on the Trentino front, southeast of Rovereto, was blown up early this morning by an Austrian mine and the entire Italian force on the mountain top either killed or captured, says the Austrian official statement received here.

Stubbornly fought for by the opposing armies, Monte Cimone was occupied by the Italians on July 24. Soon afterward the Austrians began digging the mine, working slowly but steadily through the rock. After its explosion they took thirteen Italian officers and 378 men prisoners.

On the Carso plateau, northeast of Gorizia, both armies attacked with little success. The Italian statement says the Austrians attacked two positions which the Italians captured recently, Hill 208, south of Novos, and Hill 141, northeast of Montebelluna. "Small detachments succeeded in breaking into some of our trenches, from which they were driven out promptly," says the statement. "The violence of the attacks, which cost the enemy very dearly, demonstrates the importance he attaches to the possession of these two hills."

The Austrian statement says Italian attempts to approach the Austrian lines in the Carso were repulsed. A night attack on the Austrian trenches on the slopes of Monte Sief, on the Dolomite front, also failed.

### PORTUGUESE PRESS GERMAN.

Extensive Invasion of German East Africa Reported.

LONDON, via Paris, Sept. 23.—An extensive invasion of German East Africa by Portuguese troops is reported in an official statement issued by the War Office. The statement says:

"After the passage of the Rovuma River our columns advanced eight miles and occupied Mlobo. The left column seized Kalibus and the German barracks and then proceeded toward Nacosa. The columns on the center and right, marching toward the Migomba depot, reached Tuleto on Rovuma Bay. The enemy retreated in the direction of Saswara west of Lindi. The natives willingly accepted Portuguese domination."

Germany declared war on Portugal on March 9, and a month later the Portuguese military commander in Africa reported that he had occupied Kilima, a port on the border of German and Portuguese East Africa. Since then there have been no reports of any activity by the Portuguese.

### ATTACK RUSSIANS NEAR RIGA.

German Use Gas and Launch Infantry Assault in Latvia.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—German gas and infantry attacks on the Russian lines near Lake Narocz, at the northern end of the Russian line near Riga, were driven back today, the Russian War Office announces. The statement follows:

Yesterday morning in the region southwest of Lake Narocz the enemy launched a gas attack lasting two hours. In the intervals between the waves of gas the enemy attempted to attack in dense columns, but was driven back on each occasion to his trenches by our machine gun, rifle and artillery fire.

In the region of the villages of Dargun and Labava, southeast of Bialynoch, the enemy also liberated gas. The heavy Russian attacks that have been made for the last twenty-four hours in the Kovels region, near Koryntia, were without success, according to an official German statement telegraphed here. The fighting in the Carpathians is slackening, Berlin says.

In the Caucasus Russian troops surprised a Turkish fortified post near Gumishan, breaking through the outer lines and killing many Turks. "We captured here arms, cartridges and other equipment, but had to burn a considerable part of the camp stores, owing to the impossibility of carrying them away," says the statement.

### MORE FOOD FOR HORSES NOW.

Pleasant German Harvests Prove Boon to Animals.

BERLIN, by wireless to Rayville, Sept. 23.—Horses and cattle in Germany are now sharing in the improved conditions of sustenance made possible by the more plentiful harvests of this year. The rations of oats for horses kept in Germany have been increased from 3 to 4½ pounds a day, and those of bulls maintained for breeding purposes have been increased 2½ pounds.

Draft oxen are allotted 2½ pounds of oats daily and draft cows 1½ pounds while employed at harvesting. During the last year draft oxen and cows have had no oats.

### TWO GERMAN THEATRES NOW.

Irving Place and Bandbox Each Open Season This Week.

There will be two German theatres in New York this season, according to the announcement of Rudolph Christians and Hans Bartsch, who have leased the Irving Place Theatre at Fifteenth street and the Bandbox Theatre in East Fifty-seventh street for the production of German plays.

The Irving Place Theatre will be used for operetta and the larger dramatic productions and the smaller Bandbox Theatre for plays of a more intimate character. The former will open Tuesday evening with the musical comedy "Wie Einst Im Mai," score by Walter

### WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

WILLIAM G. SEWALL, died May 30, 1916 (Appraiser John J. Loomis), total assets, \$5,000; net estate, \$21,454. Katharine W. Sewall, sister, beneficiary, at street, \$5,000; deposits, \$7,200; personally, \$200; mortgages, \$5,000; stocks and bonds, \$15,754.

MORRIS FROHMANN, died August 15, 1915 (Appraiser Ladd), total assets, \$3,451; net estate, \$497. Mrs. Cecilia Frohmann, widow, beneficiary.

### AMERICAN GIRL WEDS BRITON.

Miss Gertrude A. Lincoln of Los Angeles Bride of Officer.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Gertrude Alma Lincoln of Los Angeles, Cal., was married at Hellingly, near Eastbourne, today to Lieut. Arthur Lett Haines of the Royal Field Artillery.

### "Locker Law" Unconstitutional.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 23.—The State Supreme Court today held to be unconstitutional the so-called locker law which prohibits the maintenance of lockers for bars or buffets in clubs in Tennessee.

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